

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
HIDEHARU TAKASHIMA, ET AL. :  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. CONT. APPLN. :  
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FOR: OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Support for the amendments** begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.